There was some slippage in the completion of ONGC project for supply of gas to KRIBHCO Fertilizer Plant at Hazira mainly due to—

(i) Capsizing of two dredgers;

(ii) Failure of 200 tonne which resulting in injuries to many and death of one person;

(iii) Breakage of winch rope.

The gas supplies to the Plant have already commenced from 16th Sept., 1985.

But for the unfortunate accidents which were even beyond the control of the contractor, the pipelines would have been completed in time. The contractors who were entrusted with the work are being dealt with in terms of the contract.

Hydel power

2676. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how much is India's potential in hydel power and what percentage of it is presently utilised;

(b) what has been the average capacity utilisation (P.L.F.) of the present hydel power plants;

(c) what are the average tariffs of hydel power in Punjab and Bihar; and

(d) the time bound plans and prospects of hydel projects for giving cheap power to consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The hydro-electric potential of India has been tentatively estimated at 89,200 MW at 60 per cent load factor of which 10.8 per cent has been developed and additional 7 per cent is under development.

(b) Performance of hydro-electric projects are judged not by the P.L.F. but on the basis of actual energy generation vis-a-vis the designed energy generation. A statement on energy generation from hydro-electric projects in the past three years is enclosed.

(c) There is no separate fixation of tariff iff for supply of hydel power.

(d) Hydro-electric Projects with a total installation of about 12,000 MW are under execution sanctioned by the Planning Commission, of which 5540 MW are expected to be commissioned in the 7th Plan.

Statement

Year	Designed energy generation (MU)	Actual generation	
		MU	% of designed potential
1982-83	48,278	48,273	100
1983-84	50,443	49,867	98.9
1984-85	52,705	53.785	102